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LAPD Officer Charged With Fondling a Corpse

A Los Angeles police officer was charged today for inappropriately touching a dead woman's body earlier this year, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

David Rojas (dob 9/17/92) was charged in case BA483214 with one felony count of having sexual contact with human remains without authority. Arraignment will be scheduled at a later date.

Deputy District Attorney Daniel Akemon of the Justice System Integrity Division is prosecuting the case.

On October 20, Rojas and his partner responded to a call where a woman had died. While he was alone in the room, the defendant allegedly touched the woman's breast.

Prosecutors are recommending bail be set at \$20,000. If convicted as charged, Rojas faces a possible maximum sentence of three years in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department's Internal Affairs Division.

About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.